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A NATIONAL RIDDLE SOLVED. Presidents? I am not sure Dr. Os- gave to the nation this week, will be little publicity is given to depart-Presidents? I am not sure Dr. Osler's method of dealing with elderly
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said President Taft said President Taft at the Lotus Club precious, and they are those upon the are executive sessions, out of which for the sile. Abe gave chase, and dinner last Saturday. He echoed a original Declaration now fading with little leaks. The people, in consecutive sessions, out of which for the sile. Abe gave chase, and dinner last Saturday. question that has never been adequately answered in all the time that has
passed since Washington went out of
office, but five days after our near
ex-President put the question, Andrew
for page comes forward with the question that has never been adequate- age in the archives of the State De- quence, are uninformed as to the pro-Carnegie comes forward with the sented by a signed document or holoanswer. The Carnegie Corporation graph letter, When Mr. Morgan learned will, until the nation relieves it of the obligation, pension ex-Presidents and their widows in the amount of and their widows in the amount of each annually. The purpose of and the expenditure of vast sums, se-\$25,000 each annually. The purpose of and the expenditure of vast sums, sethis patriotic act is to enable ex- cured one, and, "as a citizen who ap-Presidents to spend the remainder of their lives "in devoting their unique knowledge gained of the public affairs to the public good, free from pecuniary cares."

So, for a time at least, the question What shall we do with our ex-Presidents?" is solved. Even in a democracy its highest office is surrounded with such dignity in popular conception that no former occupant of it has been able successfully to resume his vocation in life. "Innocuous desuetude" has been the inevitable lot of most of the ex-Presidents. The seclusion of retirement has been the only place for them, no matter how low their financial condition might be. Grand and gloomy. tudinous sentiment as to the future Jefferson, Hancock or the other illus of our ex-Presidents but one have stance in point, while lesser luminarie moreal dignity. The only one who has struggled against the anaesthetizing popular mandate.

the ex-President with a quasi-public for Europe the year after he signed function. Untrammeled in any way, he the Declaration, and was lost at sea can freely express his views and re-commend national policies and reforms. had seen little of public life, and was He will be a unique publicist. He is letter writer. Very few of his no longer rendered incapable of public signatures have been found, although service because he has served the his descendants have ransacked all people in the loftiest office that they possible sources. One of his existing can bestow. He is relieved of the embarrassment of endeavoring to praction the flyleaf of an English history, tice a profession. He retains his dig- and it is worth thousands of dollars nity in the performance of his duty. Gwinnett's signatures are almost as He is not pauperized because he has scarce. He was in his forties when he been President, but it must be said was killed in a duel with Lachlan Mchere that the nation, and not a private Intosh a year after the Declaration organization, should pension him. Mr. was signed. Carnegle has rendered a splendid pub lic service by temporarily solving a vexed prablem, but the burden pro-It should pension him.

volves the gravest responsibility. They than one. loyalty to and affection for it charge to speak, and a military stronghold, by the Tar Heels. them to see that no detriment shall More than that, it is the second city

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chapter was unanimous, and it further gue in his campaign last summer of the men who best know and best ing the present haphazard method, of of the men who best know and best ing the present haphazard method of Hiram-Your wheeze can be cured appreciate the broad needs of an in- appropriating funds for government by amputation. Cut cut the booze. cutive of unquestioned capacity for budget plan would be to give Cabinet ..... Is ceats leadership, would become the best col- officers, on the one hand, an opportuni. lege of its type in the entire South, ty to defend their departmental estiand one of the most efficient in the mates before the two Houses and to United States?

J. Pierpont Morgan's signature in the Cabinet officers as to matters conthe lower right corner of a check is cerning their several departments. worth millions, but the complete set Unquestionably the change would worth millions, but the complete set Unquestionably the change would Abe Renfrew had the gol blands of autographs of the signers of the enhance the value of congressional time tother day tryin' to shoot of autographs of the signers of the enhance the value of congressional weasel that had been a robbin' of it "What are we to do with our ex- Declaration of Independence, which he debates. Under our present system, preciates the value and significance of such a collection," presented it to the nation because it seemed to him that it "will be more fittingly preserved in the national library than in that of any individual." The gift is one for which all patriotic Americans should be grateful,

The chief difficulty in completing the collection was in obtaining the signatures of Thomas Lynch, Jr., of South Carolina, and Button Gwinnett. of Georgia. Their autographs are the rarest of all; but two holograph letters of Lynch are known to exist, and one is that in the Morgan gift. Gwinnett and Lynch were unimportant our former chief magistrates have members of the Continental Congress, wrapped themselves in solitude and but their autographs are to-day worth pronounced at solemn intervals platiof the republic. Unwritten law has trious Americans who signed the charremoved them from public life, and ter of our rights and liberties. Often even forbade them ever to revisit the most famous men are prolific let-Washington as private citizens. All ter writers, Mr. Jefferson being an innoiselessly awaited for time to remove whose names live in history did little them from their living tombs of mar- writing of any sort. Rarity fixes the value of an autograph. The rarest ing recent months that although busi-Confederate autograph, for example, cone of custom has lately been cata- is that of an illiterate Tennessee brigpulted back into the catacomb by adier. Length of life has something to do with rarity, as is shown in the cases The fine resolve of Carnegie vests of Lynch and Gwinnett, Lynch started autographs is his signature written

perly belongs to the Federal govern- around Monastir have been greatly ob- in working out a satisfactory adjusttated for self-support in its service, and of the Bulgarians towards Constantino-Upon the former students of the Vir- a most far-reaching bearing on the new corn meal, its incomparable quall, the time that was being ginia Polytechnic Institute now de- whole Balkan issue, in more directions its large persimmon crop, its delicious the inclosed to Hon. Ca

### developing the agricultural end of the SEAT THE CARINET IN CONGRESS, the inquisitorial "newspaper publicity"

Its (the and harmony between the executive for a decision as to its constitutionalof visitors') business is in look and harmony between the executive for a decision as to its constitutional-and of visitors') business is in look and legislative branches of the Fed. ity. But the election returns show, or the world, try to find the man who eral government, President Taft re- that what the country editors did for Ill of the present occasion and get him peats the oft-made proposal that mem- Conathan was what David did for here, if it to possible to do so, within here of the Cabinet should be per- Goliath. That is the attitude expressed by the two Houses of Congress, without. The only trouble about the North Ca Tork and the Rossoke chapters of the right to vote. This reform was Carolina potato ple is that it is made Virginia Polymentale Institute clearly discussed and convincingly ad. of solid concrete.

alumni. The action of the latter vocated by Congressman-elect Mo ordered a resolution of protest to be he is doubtless the only future mem drafted and sent to the board of visi- ber of Congress who, in his candidators and to all the chapters of the V. ture, anticipated what may be, and P. I alumni. Do the two chapters which what certainly ought to be, an imhave spoken represent the opinion of portant issue in the next Congress the great body of their fellow alum- There are many arguments for the stitution which, if directed by an exe- needs. The logical development of the afford the members of Congress, on the other hand, an opportunity for in-THE AUTOGRAPHS OF THE SIGNERS. terpellation—that is, for questioning Because they don't get busy and

The transportation companies should ompile their annual reports in such a form as to show costs of operation in more detail. Freight transportation costs should be segregated from other operating expenditures. It would then be possible to compare the outlay for producing certain units of traffic, the revenue secured from transportation and the resultant profit or loss. As an illustration of the conflicting conclusions which may be derived from an analysis of existing railroad statistics, the deduction is generally accepted from the returns of the railroads during recent months that although business has been expanded and gross near the second later that he discovered here no proportionate gain in not earn the second later that he discovered here no proportionate gain in not earn. compile their annual reports in such a Our idea of nothing to get excited about is the revolution in Niggeraution. On the other hand, in the case of some carriers, a pronounced growth in traffic has been attended by a dein traffic has been attended by a de-crease in transportation expenses and a gain in revenue, clearly indicating talkin' about you behind your back. employed per unit of traffic have greatly increased. These are some of the Interstate Commerce Commission adoption of proper statistical methods for ascertaining transportation costs railroads and the shippers. The con- kid that was ever

school, with the view of making it and To obtain greater unity of action law now before the Supreme Court

## On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

Her parents.
Her parents are behind the times,
She will admit it with a shrug.
They are back numbers plain to see
They do not dance the bunny hug.

She calls them fossils, yes she coes, The only parents she has got, Learn how to dance the turkey trot

From the Hickeyville Clarion. hen coop. He laid for Mr. Weasel for some time, and last Wednesday evecongressional proceedings. The people and a calf the first shot and then sudon the floor of Congress about it would in a curve around the sile. He let fire just as he seen the weasel's tail disbe widely read. Whatever increases the people's interest in their government increases the efficiency of that government. Cabinet officers themselves would be rendered more efficient for the shot was goin considible faster than Abe was runnin. Abe is just

by participating in the proceedings of Congress. A more direct government is essential to true progress, and this reform moves away from indirectness in the administration of the public business.

ANALYSIS OF RAILROAD ACCOUNTS

NEEDED.

The transportation companies should the rest of the chickens.

Ein Binks, our village tailor, says the way of the pants presser is hard. Anson Frisby, our banker, who is touring Europe, writes home that he has bought a Rembrandt, but he does not say whether it is a six-cylinder, seven-passenger or a runabout. His wife says she hopes it is one of these glass-covered limousines. glass-covered limousines.

earnings have thereased, there has been no proportionate gain in net earnings, because of higher costs of opera
ly, the story leaked out, as did the water, and Charile may some day find his picture on the funny pages of the picture on the funny pages of the Sunday supplements.

that the returns from capital and labor who could take one gracefully him-

Grandma Bibbirs is beginning to confusing inferences from railroad knit yarn mittens and wristlets, which is a sure indication of a long, hard winter.

There ain't nobudy in this world should co-operate in eradicating. The who is wiser than the pustmaster in a small town, unless it is the telegraph operator.

There ain't no vacation that lasts as

would be advantageous to both the long as it orter.

Every feller's kid is the greatest born, and if you

its large persimmon crop, its delicious put in the mails for him. I think it J. L. WARING, simmon pudding and crisp saffron pies suggests a plan for carrying out his Formerly Cashier Commercial Ban constitute a great body of men Monastir is the chief city in Macedo of pumpkin. Simmons in pudding, as general ideas. It certainly gives a acquainted with the institution, whose his, both as a commercial centre, so well as in politics, seem to be favored that will certainly be of much help to J. L. WARING.
Washington, D. C. banks in times of tight money



## OPERA UP-TO-DATE



their own State. This being admitted, might again rule. So he called to-then, the following will give the re-

requirements for such issue and re-demption or exchange of security. Each local clearing house to become responsible for the issue of any bank member, and therefore to be the owner the security before giving their con-sent. In order to make double assur-ance, should any local clearing house ance, should any local clearing house be unable to redeem the issue of any member, then the State clearing house will be required to assume all the obligations of the local clearing house. As to the necessary rules and condi-ons upon which these clearing houses ged. And again the prophets

Yours very truly, Danville, Va.

A Twentieth Century Allegory.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—Once there arose a dispute between Ignorance and Knowledge as

women consecrated themselves to 'he service of these temples. Laws were passed, compelling parents to send their children to be taught wisdom. And wherever Knowledge led the way prosperity and peace followed. The people rejoiced, for they had learned the way of happiness.

Ignorance was very wroth when he found he had lost his power and no found he had lost his power and no longer had a seat among the might; int' in and he was loath to leave. He determined, therefore, to stay, even if it were among the lowly, for still he the was found come when he had lost would come when he had leaved the day would come when he

rewards if they would the more earn

certified to the State clearing house, and, upon approval, the security to be deposited in such manner as the State clearing house may provide, and such approval and deposit to be made known to the national clearing house, which will direct such issue to be made to the bank. The national clearing house to make all necessary rules and necessary rules and requirements for such issue and redemption or exchange of security. own tasks were by no means light.
The agents of Ignorance were glad,
for they had their reward. The chilmay bank
the owner

nothing well, for their minds were member, and therefore to be the owner of the security. As each local clearing house is to be responsible, you may be assured they will be satisfied as to the responsible security before strong that security here were no longer strong and happy. but were weak and of a sorrowful countenance. Time for joyful play was denied them. Instead, they spent their days shut in from fresh, life-giving air

did not understand their needs.

There were many children who las-Carnegle has rendered a splendid public service by temporarily solving a vexed prablem, but the burden properly belong to the Federal government. The ex-President is incapacitated for self-support in its service, and it should pension him.

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As to the necessary rules and the prophets of wisdom't believe it ask him.

As to the necessary rules and supervision of our constitution upon which these clearing houses ged. And again the prophets of wisdom consulted among themselves how don't believe it ask him.

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In order that "red tape" may be eliminated as far as possible as to the sumulation.

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malice and ignoble aims. And somehow a spirit of discontent the content of it. They have no official comparison of the content that sort terms are first the words, averaged point of reversal agreement of the collision of the interest that the collisio was spread abroad over the lands. The parents of the children complain-ed: "We have spent our substance.

### The Presidency of Blacksburg

The succession to the presidency of the Blacksburg school is occupying the attention of the public. There seems to be a very general conviction that a political move is on foot to land the presidency for some favorite of the ruling powers in the State, whereas he place ought to be filled exclusively with reference to the qualifications of the man to be selected

It may be that the friends of State Superintendent Eggleston have gone about booming him for the place in the wrong way, and that he is not en couraging their efforts, but it has struck the State as following the fa-miliar old way pursued when it comes to filling political places.

The stakes are too large to make

one of the Commonwealth's chief in stitutions the football of politics. have not the slightest doubt that the machine is ready to make this school and any other it can control subser-vient to its wishes; but public sentiment ought to be too str efforts in this direction to be success

ful.

We are heartily in sympathy with
the Baptists of the stand taken by the E the State, that the schools taken out of politics, and kept out. That is one great danger that always ginia, stands in very close ass with the Democratic

Neither Superintendent Eggleston nor any other man can hold the presidency of Blacksburg if he owes his appointment to political influences.—Staunton Leader.

# **QUERIES**& **ANSWERS**

Sale of Boxwood. Can you tell me where to find a mared and strove only for the reward. Can you tell me where Instead of wisdom, they learned envy, ket for boxwood clipping L. J. WHITLOCK.

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